UPDATE (11/5/19): The reception date for the Baltimore Watercolor Society has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It was previously advertised for December 5 in conjunction with the Life in Color exhibit. This exhibit will also feature the ceramics of Sharon Jacobs.



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For Immediate Release

## "Life in Color" Exhibit features Works by Metro Washington Chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America

**Gaithersburg, MD (October 29, 2019)** Gaithersburg's *Arts on the Green* presents "Life in Color," an exhibit featuring works by the Metro Washington Chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America. The exhibit is on display November 22, 2019 through January 27, 2020, at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists during a free Artists Reception on Thursday, December 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The theme for this exhibit is color, which surrounds us and affects our lives, emotions and experiences. Like other fine art media artists, colored pencil artists use color to not only define their own personal experiences but also to draw attention, create mood, and communicate information to the viewer. Artistic compositions may include people, places, nature, everyday objects, or abstract interpretations. Ordinary things can be turned into extraordinary works of art through the artist's interpretation of color. This exhibit will also feature the ceramics of Sharon Jacobs.

The Metro Washington Chapter of the national Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA) formed in 1994. Now with more than 50 members, the group's goals parallel, on a regional basis, those of the national organization. The Society promotes the stature and awareness of colored pencil as a viable art form to professional art establishments and to the general public and provides a forum for education, communication, and recognition of colored pencil artists. Member artwork is shown in juried and non-juried exhibitions in a variety of venues in the metro region. Learn more at <a href="https://www.cpsa109.org">www.cpsa109.org</a>.

Allen Bentley, a well-known figure painter and colorist who is an Adjunct Professor of Art at Montgomery College, juried this exhibit. He has exhibited nationally from coast to coast.

## 2-2-2/Life in Color Exhibit

Please note that some of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6350 or e-mail <a href="mailto:shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov">shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov</a>.

The Arts on the Green visual arts program is funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

## About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion and outdoor events and festivals on the park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned. For more information, call 301-258-6394, find us at gaithersburgmd.gov or follows us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @ArtsontheGreen.

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